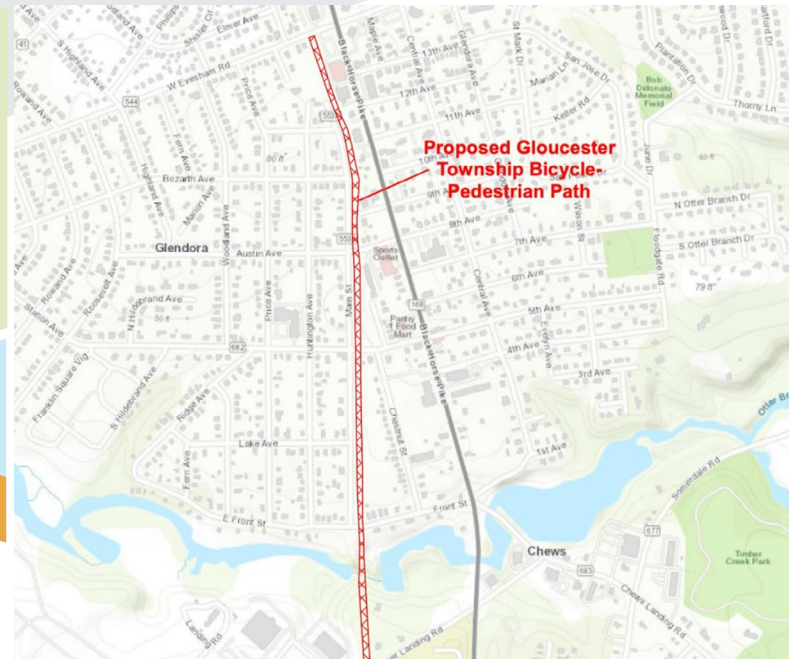


# WORKS

*GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.*

*From Police Department to Public Works to Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!*



December 3, 2020

## Gloucester Township To Expand the Health and Fitness Trail

Please be advised that there's a public meeting scheduled regarding the expansion of Gloucester Township Health and Fitness Trail on December 7th at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Hall. The meeting will be facilitated by the Township Engineer, Anthony Chadwell, of Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc.

Gloucester Township Health and Fitness trail runs along an abandoned railroad bed. Starting in 1999, the existing trail has been constructed in eleven segments and now extends from Main Street near Grenloch Lake to Oak Avenue.

When completed, the trail will be approximately 4.4 miles in Gloucester Township and will connect the Township's northern border with Runnemede Borough to the southern border with Washington Township.

The trail will generally include a ten-foot-wide pavement with side striping. Signage and striping will be provided at each street crossing. Fencing will be installed wherever steep drop-offs pose a potential safety hazard. Parts of the trail are in old cuts excavated by the railroad and retaining walls will be set approximately five feet from the edge of the trail.



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#### Santa is Coming to Your Neighborhood!

Check out this year's Santa Route



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#### GTPD Holds Award Ceremony

Watch GTPD recognizing our outstanding officers



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#### Holiday Events

Holiday Events You Don't Want To Miss in Gloucester Township!

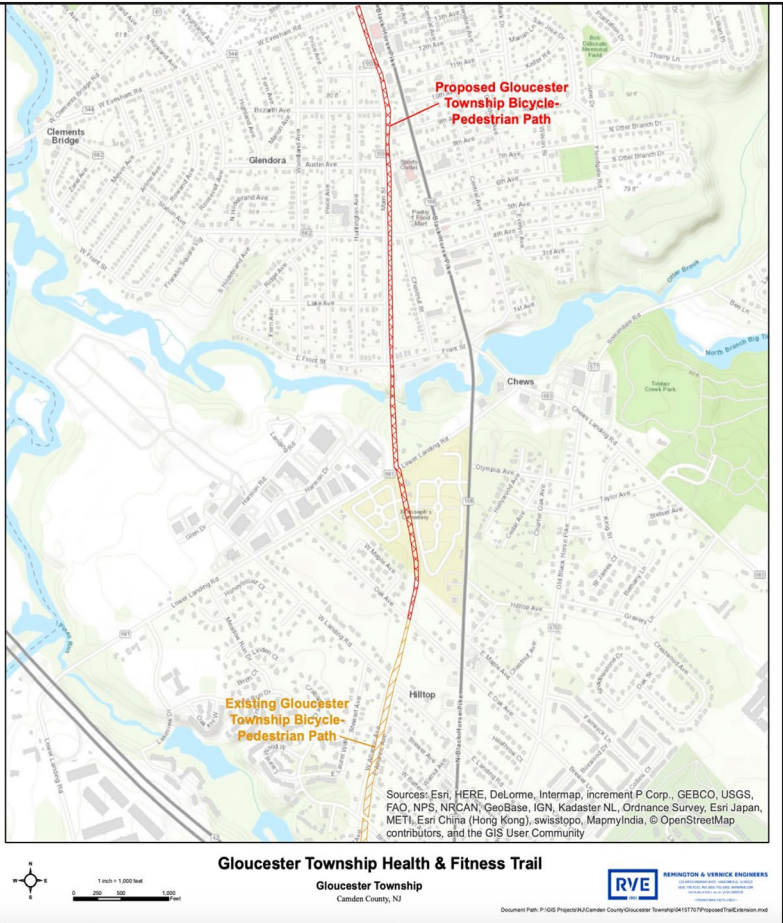


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# Gloucester Township To Expand the Health and Fitness Trail

The final segment includes the crossing of the North Branch of Timber Creek. The trail will occupy the old Reading-Seashore Railroad bed that crosses the creek on a high constructed embankment which will require higher cost per linear foot to provide stabilization and safety features.

Once completed, it will offer excellent vistas of Timber Creek. Both the existing and proposed trail go through several communities in Gloucester Township. It is near or adjacent to several schools, recreational facilities and commercial centers. It will also contribute to the redevelopment of the Black Horse Pike Corridor. Parts of the trail area also adjacent to undeveloped natural parts of the Township. This overall trail is an important part of the Circuit Trails and will eventually serve as a link between the multi-use trail networks in Camden County and Gloucester County. The Circuit Trails are endorsed as a regional priority in the DVRPC's Connections 2045 Plan for Greater Philadelphia.



## On Dec. 16 Grab a Bite To Eat and Support Our Scholarship Committee!



# California TORTILLA® FUNDRAISER

**Who:** Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee  
**When:** December 16, 2020 11am-8:30pm  
**Where:** California Tortilla – 500 Berlin Cross Keys Rd Sicklerville, New Jersey

**Remember to say “GT DAY” when you order in person OR call on phone OR order online.**

**A donation of 25% for each order will go to scholarship fundraising**



### About GTDSC:

The Gloucester Township Day Scholarship Committee (GTDSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to providing college scholarships for high school seniors residing in Gloucester Township. Since 1986, GTDSC has awarded scholarships totaling over 1 million dollars to local high school students. In 2020, the Committee awarded 50 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 per student. Thank you for your continued support!

**Santa is coming to your neighborhood!**

**Please share with your family, friends, and neighbors!**

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

<b>Glendora</b> Fire District #1	<b>12/19</b> Starting at 4:00 pm	
<b>Chews Landing</b> Fire District #2	<b>12/13</b> Starting at 6:00 pm	Somerdale Road
	<b>12/23</b> Starting at 6:00 pm	Rest of District
<b>Blenheim</b> Fire District #3	<b>12/19</b> Starting at 12:00 pm	
<b>Blackwood</b> Fire District #4	<b>12/19</b> Starting at 1:00 pm	
<b>Lambs Terrace</b> Fire District #5	<b>12/18</b> Starting at 6:00 pm	
	<b>12/19</b> Starting at 5:00 pm	
<b>Erial</b> Fire District #6	<b>12/11</b> Starting at 6:00 pm	
	<b>12/12</b> Starting at 2:00 pm	



Please share with your family, friends, and neighbors!





# Gloucester Township Police Department Holds 2020 Virtual Award Ceremony



Message from Chief David Harkins: “On Thursday November 19, 2020 we presented and filmed our virtual awards ceremony. I want to congratulate all of the officers who were awarded, both those who attended and those that were unavailable to attend today. Special thanks to the Award Committee, Captain John Stollsteimer, Lt. Jason Gittens, and the Community Relations Unit for making this happen.

I wanted to share with each of you my remarks made at the ceremony: To begin, I would like to offer a moment of silence to remember the 253 Line of Duty Deaths of Law Enforcement Officers in 2020....This number is up from 148 Line of Duty Deaths in 2019.

I want to thank all who have been involved in putting together this important event to honor the great work done by our officers, our partners, and the civilians who have had an impact on our community.

Thank you to Camden County College President Borden, Security Chief John Schuck, and all of the staff of Camden County College who allowed us to have this important ceremony.

I want to thank Mayor Mayer who was instrumental in setting up this ceremony, and for his unwavering support of the police department especially during this unprecedented pandemic. There has never been a time during this crisis, when I have not been able to reach him and consult with him, and for this I thank him.

I also want to recognize my right hand, Deputy Chief Anthony Minosse who is always there to check me and provide much needed advice on critical issues. In addition I want to recognize my Command Staff, Captain Brian McKendry, Captain Brendan Barton, and Captain John Stollsteimer, who have carried out the directives and continue to provide leadership in the face of these difficult times.

The police department has been able to continue our service and mission because of the outstanding leadership provided by the Supervisors of the police department. The Lieutenants and Sergeants have had an instrumental role in keeping our officers safe, and to provide leadership and guidance on these great examples of police work that we will hear about today. But it is the Detectives, Officers, Dispatchers, and Civilian Staff whom I am most proud of. They are where the rubber meets the road. I can't imagine that anyone could have done it better over these difficult days, and I am forever grateful for the service and dedication they provide to our community.

The reason we are here today is to honor the great police work done by the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department, and our partners. We typically hold this event as part of our Police Appreciation Week activities in May. But no one could have predicted what has happened in March 2020. The pandemic struck which brought about an unprecedented way of having to do emergency services and police work. No one has done it better than the Gloucester Township Police Department. The commitment, dedication, and “can do” attitude of the members of the Gloucester Township Police Department, has left me speechless at times. I am in awe of the way the Department has stepped up to the challenges that we have been presented with. I have never doubted our abilities to handle these challenges. Our officers put themselves on the line every day. We will continue to do it, as we are all called to serve.

The commitment to service to our community has never shown clearer than it has over the past year. This is why it was so important for us to honor those receiving awards today.

I want to congratulate all of the Officers, Dispatchers, and Civilians being honored today. It has been humbling to see the work being done here in Gloucester Township.

I have never been prouder to serve with the men and women of the Gloucester Township Police Department. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and thank you for all that you do.”

[CLICK HERE TO  
WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

# Holiday Events Not to Miss in Gloucester Township!

Gloucester Township wishes our residents a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! While this year might be much different from any other year, we still have plenty of holiday cheer to go around! Start off by hoping in your car with your family and friends and drive around town to see beautifully decorated houses that participate in our First Annual Gloucester Township Self-Drive Light Tour! You can [CLICK HERE](#) to see the map of the Light Tour as well as the participating residences marked as Christmas trees for your convenience.

While we won't be able to gather "in person" around the Tree in Veterans' Park this year, tune in to our municipal website or the Facebook page to watch the Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 13th, at 6:00 pm. Enjoy performances of local artists, a holiday message from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and, of course, our traditional countdown to the tree lighting!



2020 GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

## Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

WAYS TO WATCH:  [facebook](#) | [GLOTWP.COM](#)  
[@gloucestertownship](#)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 6 PM**

**PLEASE JOIN MAYOR MAYER & COUNCIL FOR THIS VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY!**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS & PLENTY OF HOLIDAY CHEER!

*Click Here  
for the Self-Drive Light Tour  
Map*

Once you open the map please zoom out till you see the participating houses marked as Christmas Trees for your convenience!

*Enjoy!*



**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP**  
MAYOR DAVID MAYER AND COUNCIL

present

## Holiday House Decorating Contest & Self-Drive Holiday Light Tour

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- Submit entries now through 12/21/2020
- Pictures can be mailed to [mayor@glotwp.com](mailto:mayor@glotwp.com)
- Download Map from [glotwp.com](#)
- Contest Survey will be available at [glotwp.com](#) 12/28-12/31/20
- Winners will be announced 1/1/21

For more info:  
- visit [glotwp.com](#)  
- email [mayor@glotwp.com](mailto:mayor@glotwp.com)  
- call Mayor's Office at 856-374-3514

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*Good Luck and Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!*

## Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at [dmayer@glotwp.com](mailto:dmayer@glotwp.com)

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

*David R. Mayer*



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